

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter tells about introductions. It contains background research, a statement of the problem, research objectives, and research of significances.

#### **1.1 Background**

Symbols are things that can be interpreted in willingly. Although a symbol is the language agreed upon by a particular society, but in literary symbols is a language that may cause a meaningful multiplication. Symbols cannot be seen only from a real life every day. However, in the scope of the world literary symbols are much visible.

According to Bain says that the symbol is a person, place, thing, event, or pattern in a literary work that designates itself and at the same time figuratively represents our “stands for” something else. Often the thing or the idea represented is more abstract, general, non-or super-rational, the symbol is more concrete and particular (Bain: 1973). Based on the definitions above, the researcher makes the conclusion that symbol is an object with arbitrary and indirect characteristics: with dissolving itself into many substitutions in which a conventional link between signified and signifying exist. Accordingly, the written from in a language can be a symbol that refers to other refers to other reference called meaning.

By using symbols, authors can express indirectly about complicated or controversial issues. In making some literary works, authors sometimes cannot be able to express it freely, then the symbol is chosen to represent what he wants to say.

The symbol is unique. However, the symbol is a branch of science that describes how something can have meaning. Love is an example of a symbol that has many very special meanings if we are related to the symbols. Love is a feeling given by God to a pair of humans to love each other, belonging to each other, mutual fulfillment, mutual understanding. Love itself cannot be forced, love can only walk if both parties sincerely, love cannot walk if they are selfish. However, in relationship, our partner would want a more attention and it can only be obtained from the sense of his partner.

Love has been defined in various senses, but in the context, it is defined as a force that complex, necessities, or prompts one's mind into thinking about another person with the main aim of securing his or her well-being (Hornby: 1995).

Genuine love always seek peace and happiness of their loved ones, love is given without expecting anything in return, and love is kind nature only if it is a true love. Love between two opposite sexes is a unique one that cannot be given by money or by any other visual things, but with a genuine heart. Love is a gift and not at the receiving end (Fromm: 2008).

Based on the above quotation it is clear that love is a gift given to human beings. Love is sacred and cannot be replaced by anything. Even sincere love can be felt only for those who truly understand and realize that the best partner has come to fill the void of his heart.

To understand the loving what, is needed is a feeling. However, that feeling cannot only be known in an instantly, but in understanding a feeling related to love, there are many symbols contain in there. In addition, red roses that symbolize true love. Or a white dove that symbolizes loyalty to the couple. Love will be easy to understand because in love there are various kinds of symbols that must be understood well. Between symbols and love are related to each other. For everyone who wants to get the best love, simply by understanding the meaning of every symbol of love he gets, can be a warm hug, touching each other's hands, is a little portrayal of the symbol of love.

Many singers from various countries and nations who have songs that are very popular. And each of the themes presented by the singers is diverse. There is a theme of love, criticism of government, or even the theme of the lives of the marginalized. One of the examples that can be seen from the standpoint of music in this era is the presence of Iwan Fals who became a musical legend in Indonesia. He gave birth to a very diverse and very popular work to date. The obvious difference from Frank Sinatra and Iwan Fals is the theme of every song they present. If Iwan Fals has themes in almost everything his theme is about criticism of the government, criticism of the chaotic state, and the defense of the marginalized peoples of his country. This is inversely related to the theme of Frank Sinatra's songs, he is more

flamboyant in creating every work. The theme speaks of love, love for a woman. Loyalty, betrayal, annoyance are all contained in Frank Sinatra's lyrics.

The author's interest in choosing a Frank Sinatra's album as the main ingredient in this research is because Frank Sinatra is a "God Father of the music" which means he is a pioneer of popular music as well as bringing brilliant ideas in popular music. Not only as a singer, Frank Sinatra is the real entertainer so by that it makes a special interest in the deeper into the songs from the album Frank Sinatra. Frank Sinatra was one of the most popular entertainers of the 20th century, forging a career as an award-winning singer and film actor. Born in Hoboken, New Jersey, on December 12th, 1915, Frank Sinatra rose to fame singing big band numbers. In the '40s and '50s, he had a dazzling array of hit songs and albums, and went on to appear in dozens of films, winning a supporting actor Oscar for *From Here to Eternity*. He left behind a massive catalogue of work that includes iconic tunes like "Love and Marriage", "Strangers in the Night", "My Way" and "New York." He died on May 14th, 1998 in Los Angeles, California.

Can be said if Frank Sinatra is not just only an ordinary singer. He is an actor and also a famous entertainer in the United States. So when he decided to become a singer of his work is in waiting by the community.

In the world of music, especially in Europe a lot of bands that can create various types of songs, both pop, jazz, and rock type songs, most of them are themed on love. And of course they have albums and distinctive features in each of his works. Most of every song, lyrics frank Sinatra-themed love.

Frank Sinatra's song lyrics are very interesting because when we read it will be very difficult to understand what, is meant by every lyric he has written. Including if we are related the lyrics with the meaning of the symbol of love in it.

Although the song lyrics from Frank Sinatra are the theme of love, but when in-depth study, it is very difficult to find every purpose that explains a symbol of love in every lyric. Love is universal and very much of its kind. Not only on one understanding, in the lyrics of the Frank Sinatra song, will explain how the symbol of love that can play a role in life. In the song lyrics that will be studied, it will give a lot of knowledge if the symbol of that love does not always give happiness.

One of the differences that can be seen from the differences in the lyrics of similar songs are equally themed love, song lyrics or songs from Frank Sinatra works in its content to discuss the vulgar love experience, the symbols of love that contain vulgar elements will be seen if it can be understood deeply. While most of the lyrics of songs that have a theme similar with Frank Sinatra, the description of the symbols of love that cannot look so vulgar even tend to description of the symbols of love that is common in people who fall in love.

The researcher found many contained a symbol of love in those lyrics. As in the title song *"I'll Only Miss Her When I Think of Her"*, *"It Gets Lonely Early"*, From the several songs titles that researchers try to analyze, all tittle contain a symbol of love. However, there are symbols that contain a meaningful of happiness, but not even a little symbol of love which means sadness.

In modern times today, symbols are very much found in every day life. The symbol is also found in a variety of literary works. Based on previous research that has been done, research on the symbols contained in a literary work such as the graduating paper from Bugi Novriyanto (2004) entitled “*Symbolism Of Ernest Hemingway's novel The Old Man and The Sea*” in her graduating paper the authors try to reveal how Ernest Hemingway presents the symbols in the Novel. In the next study, which discusses the symbolic in the literary work, the graduating paper entitled “*Symbol Of Life and Death In John Donne's Poems*” by Mila Poetry Jasuma (2006) in her graduating paper is described symbols can have significance for human life.

And the last from Hendra Chandra Gupta (2008) entitled “*The Symbol Of V In Larry And Andy Wachowsky 'V For Vendetta*” in his graduated paper is explained how the relationship of the symbol V from that works which he studied. Based on previous studies that are similar in relation to symbols, researchers have their own views.

And it can be said if previous research focused only on the symbols alone without discussing in detail what the meaning of a symbol contained in a literary work. In this study, will be discussed in detail that the scope of the symbol of love is very broad and of each symbol contains a very deep meaning. So again, this is one of the reasons why researchers are interested to discuss and analyze the symbol of love in the lyrics of this song because, after being analyzed it turns out the symbol meaning in the lyrics that contain the symbol of love is so wide, so it can make a

new knowledge in the field of academic Literature in particular associated with a symbol.

## **1.2 Statements of Problem**

The song lyrics are an expression of the author's feelings about something he is feeling. Usually when a lyric that was good, it was very touching to the heart. However, that does not mean a good song lyrics and can touch with the heart it will be very easy to find a symbol inside. An example is in the lyrics of Frank Sinatra. To find a love symbol therein requires very detailed understanding. A symbol of love in the songs lyrics described are very complicate and tend to contain a meaning all its own.

Initial investigation showed that this element in the lyrics of symbols contained in it very complicated to find. Not only that, in each symbol found in most have many meanings which are not appropriate to the context of the content of the song lyrics. This fundamental fact has created a problem that is interested to be known in this study. Based on the problems researchers focus to answer the following questions:

1. What dictions on the Frank Sinatra lyric which represent the symbol of love?
2. What are the denotative and connotative meanings in each symbol of love found in Frank Sinatra song lyrics?

### 1.3 Research Objectives

Generally, this research purposes to verify the theory above and to prove the result of the problem about interference. Especially, the purpose of this research is:

1. To analyze the symbol of love that contained in the song lyrics.
2. To find out the role of symbols in building a song lyrics, so it can be some work of interest to the reader.

### 1.4 Research Significances

The significances of this research are:

1. This research is expected to provide a positive contribution to the development of the science of literature especially of semiotics.
2. This research is expected to provide more knowledge in analyzing semiotics in lyrical song.
3. This research can be used as reference for the research of semiotics.

### 1.5 Definitions of Key Terms

1. Semiotic: Semiotics is, literally speaking, the science of signs. The word semiotics comes from the Greek root *semeion*, or sign, and is used to describe a systematic attempt to understand what signs are and how they function. Semiotics is probably the more commonly used term, but some students of signs use the term semiology, literally "words" (togas) "about signs" .
2. Symbol: says that the symbol is a person, place, thing, event, or pattern in a literary work that designates itself and at the same time figuratively represents or "stand for" something else. Often the thing or the idea



represents is more abstract, general, non-or super-rational, the symbol is more concrete and particular (Bain: 1973).

3. Love: Love among two opposite sexes is a unique one that cannot be given by money or by any other visual things but with a genuine heart. Love is a gift and not at the receiving end (Fromm: 2008).
4. Song Lyrics: According to Petit lyric is a poetry which sung with accompanied music, lyrics aim at poetic, literary work or art which form of passion of feeling's author (Petit: 1994).

